

for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school district in North Carolina. As Assistant Superintendent, she was responsible for Employee Relations, Licensure, Benefits, Information Systems, Compensation and Employment. During her time in Charlotte, she was recognized for her innovative strategies which increased equity among schools, including accelerated staffing strategies, teacher incentives, and the use of a balanced scorecard.

Dr. Jenkins received her undergraduate and doctor of education degrees from the University of Central Florida. She previously served as Senior Director for Elementary Education in Orange County, where she supervised principals and schools. She has also been a classroom teacher, staff developer, and principal.

Dr. Jenkins is a fellow of the nationally recognized Broad Urban Superintendents Academy. She was named the 2013 District Data Leader of the Year by the Florida Department of Education. In addition, she was honored with a Professional Achievement Award from the University of Central Florida College of Education and Human Performance in November 2013.

Deeply engaged in the community, Dr. Jenkins serves on the board of the United Arts of Central Florida, the Winter Park Health Foundation, the YMCA of Central Florida, the Central Florida Regional Commission on Homelessness, and the Orange County Youth Mental Health Commission. Recognizing her commitment and influence, an Orlando Sentinel-hosted survey of "informed" Central Floridians voted Dr. Jenkins the ninth most powerful person in Central Florida in December 2013. Orlando Magazine also recognized her as one of the "50 Most Powerful People in Orlando" in July 2013.

I am happy to honor Barbara Jenkins, during Women's History Month, for her dedication and commitment to education.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ROSEMARY DUROCHER

Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Rosemary DuRocher. A retired Guidance Counselor, Rosemary graduated from Immaculata College, and has a Master's Degree from Rollins College and a Doctorate from the University of Florida.

During her career, Rosemary worked as a teacher in the Executive Internship Program in the Orange County Public School system and as a Counselor and Director of the Winter Park High School Guidance Department. Prior to retiring, she set up the Guidance Department at the Florida Virtual School.

While working full-time Rosemary was always active in the community. She served as President of the League of Women Voters, was appointed to serve on Governor Bob Graham's Task Force on the Criminal Justice System, and chaired a task force on Women in the County Jail.

Politics has been a lifelong interest of Rosemary. Every election season you will find her active in campaigns.

Rosemary is active in her church. She has served as Chair of the Committee on Ministry, co-chaired the Canvass Committee, and served on the interim search committee. Currently, Rosemary facilitates a discussion group at Orlando Lutheran Towers and serves on the activities committee.

Rosemary was married to Joe DuRocher for almost 51 years. She is the mother of three

children, Beth Little, John DuRocher, and Mike DuRocher, and the grandmother of two.

I am happy to honor Rosemary DuRocher, during Women's History Month, for her contributions to the Central Florida community.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF DR. ALEJANDRO ZAFFARONI

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of an extraordinary American, Dr. Alejandro Zaffaroni, who passed away peacefully at his home in Atherton, California, at the age of 91.

Dr. Zaffaroni was born on February 27, 1923, in Montevideo, Uruguay. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Montevideo in 1941, and came to the United States on a Fulbright Scholarship to the University of Rochester, where he earned his Ph.D.

In 1951, after finishing an NIH Fellowship, Dr. Zaffaroni joined a privately held Mexican chemical company, Syntex. He was a major force in its transformation and brought it to the U.S., shaping it into a global pharmaceutical company located near Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. It became most known for pioneering the development of therapeutic corticosteroids and the birth control pill. Dr. Zaffaroni eventually became President of Syntex Laboratories and Director of Reasearch.

Dr. Zaffaroni was widely hailed as not only a pioneer in the field of biotechnology, he was often referred to as the father of biotechnology in the United States and a Silicon Valley legend. His extraordinary accomplishments include the founding of the DNAX Institute, Alza Corporation, Affymax Inc., Affymetrix, Alexa Pharmaceuticals, Symyx Technologies and Maxygen.

He was the recipient of many prestigious awards and honors, including the National Medal of Technology and Innovation in 1995. He was also honored by the creation of a \$10 million financial aid program for Latin American students at Stanford University, the Alejandro and Lida Zaffaroni Scholarship and Fellowship Program, funded by colleagues who were inspired by Dr. Zaffaroni and his work. Dr. and Mrs. Zaffaroni are widely hailed for their extraordinary generosity to many humanitarian causes.

I have had the privilege of knowing Dr. Zaffaroni and his family for many years. Always the consummate gentleman, he was a mentor and an inspiration to me. He was a man of great integrity, and his wise counsel and warm friendship will remain with me for a lifetime.

Dr. Zaffaroni leaves his devoted wife Lida who was always his source of inspiration and support over a lifetime, his son, Dr. Alejandro Zaffaroni, his daughter-in-law Leah, his daughter Elisa, and his two beloved grandsons, Peter and Charles.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest condolences to Dr. Zaffaroni's wife, Lida, and his family. We honor this singularly brilliant man through

whom unparalleled achievements were made to treat disease and prevent suffering. These are his lasting legacies. Dr. Zaffaroni was a national treasure and his contributions to science and medicine are and always will be heralded around the world as extraordinary gifts to the betterment of humankind.

HONORING MR. DONALD SVEDMAN

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Donald L. Svedman, who has recently been inducted into the Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame. Mr. Svedman was born and raised in Windsor, Colorado on his grandfather's homestead. His family had both irrigated and dry-land farm ground in addition to cattle, sheep, hogs and dairy. He was active in 4-H and was named Outstanding Male 4-H member for the state of Colorado.

He entered Colorado State University, and then almost immediately joined the United States Navy for four years. Upon returning, he finished his CSU career with a degree in Animal Science. Mr. Svedman was extremely active in various clubs and organizations while at CSU. After attending CSU, he received a Master's Degree from Kansas State University. He then returned to Colorado and began a career as a County Extension Agent in Boulder, Fremont, and Custer counties for multiple years.

He was elected to Executive Secretary of the Colorado Hereford Association in 1965, and named the Manager of the Colorado State Fair in 1966 by Governor John Love. He was and is an unwavering advocate for the betterment of the Colorado State Fair and worked tirelessly to improve the fair and its facilities. Because of his efforts, he was named Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Colorado in January of 1970. He served 12 years as Deputy Commissioner and became well-known and highly respected as an asset to Colorado Agriculture. Mr. Svedman exemplifies the spirit of continued learning, service to profession, and commitment to community. I am honored to recognize him today.

HONORING THE LA VEGA ISD LADY PIRATES BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the La Vega High School girls' basketball team for winning the Texas 3A state championship title.

On February 29, 2014, the La Vega Lady Pirates played in the 3A state championship game against the Argyle Lady Eagles. The Lady Pirates won with a score of 47-42.

The opposing team had taken the lead going into halftime and carried it through a majority of the second half. The Lady Pirates never gave up hope and continued playing tough. They persevered and came through with success at the end.